

RIOT-TORN CITY ENJOYS YULETIDE

Ardmore Breathes in a Free Manner When Probe Halted

SENSATIONS TO COME

Freeing Ready for the Hearing of Seventeen Men Held for Murder

By Associated Press.
ARDMORE, Dec. 24.—Ardmore today was observing the first period of official inactivity in its latest sensation since late on the night of December 15, when three men were killed at Wilson, approximately 25 miles west of here, and which resulted in the arrest of 17 prominent citizens of Carter county.

The examining trial of six of the men, charged jointly with murder, was continued yesterday afternoon until about Tuesday at 2 o'clock and today all county offices closed at noon for over the holidays. From unofficial sources came the announcement that county authorities had been instructed to refrain from taking any action in the case until Attorney-General Freeling, in charge of the prosecution, returns Tuesday to resume the trial.

County Attorney James H. Mathers, who has assumed the role of chief prosecutor in the trial, under instructions from Governor Robertson, announced he intended leaving tonight to spend the holidays with his son on his Red river ranch and Attorney-General Freeling, who postponed his departure for Oklahoma City until this morning, left here at 11:44 and expected to return early Tuesday morning.

16 of 17 Men Are Free.

Of the 17 men arrested in the case, all but one will spend Christmas day at their homes. They are at liberty under bond of \$2,500 pending the outcome of the preliminary hearing. The other is Jeff Smith of Hamilton, who lies in county jail suffering from a wound in the leg received when marked men, whom he was forced to accompany, he told county officials, attacked Joe Carroll at his home in Wilson, killing Carroll and fatally wounding two other men.

To Suspend Out Riot Charges.

Attorney-General Freeling announced that when he returns Tuesday he would institute charges of murder under the riot statute against the men now held in the case. In addition to the charge of murder now pending against them. Earlier in the day, defense Attorney H. H. Brown told newspaper men that he would put each of the defendants on the stand, explaining that "we want to wash our hands clean at the first branch we come to."

First mention of the Ku-Klux Klan in the hearing was made when J. A. Brittain, custodian of a local lodge hall, took the stand and testified that he saw J. A. Gilliam, one of the men held in the case, but now on trial, leave the "property" room rented by the Ku-Klux Klan at the hall, in which was kept locked a large box with a bundle under his arm. A man whom he did not recognize accompanied Gilliam with a bundle, he said.

This occurred about 7 o'clock on the night of December 15, the witness said, and Gilliam told county authorities in a signed statement after his arrest that he was a member of a crowd of men who left here with C. G. Sims, Ardmore police detective, whose object was to "get" Joe Carroll at Wilson for alleged vice car deals and whisky running.

Late that night, according to testimony of various witnesses, more than one hundred men gathered in a pasture about five or six miles southwest of Wilson in thirty or forty automobiles and with pillows of feathers and tar, awaited the re-

World Celebrates 18th Birthday of Aviation



It is just eighteen years since Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio (in insert), and his brother, Wilbur, now dead, made their first experiments with heavier than air machines in the glider shown here. The glider here shown at Kitty Hawk, N. C. Today it is not unusual for airplanes to reach a speed of 375 miles an hour and to make continuous flights of more than twenty-four hours. Wright and his brother after the invention of their glider, were classed with inventors of perpetual motion machines and were considered mentally unbalanced, but within a few years the whole world was paying them homage for their wonderful achievements.

Turn of eight of their number, led by Sims, who went in two automobiles to take Carroll from his home.

Story of Affairs Retold.

On their way, the eight men stopped at the home of John Smith, brother of Jeff Smith, who claimed he was compelled by the men to go with them, and persuaded the former to go with them and direct them to Carroll's home. All were armed, testimony showed.

Arriving at their destination, Carroll was called to the front door and drew his gun, wounding Jeff Smith, when he was ordered to throw up his hands by six of the number who had stationed themselves on either side of the door. Then shooting commenced and Carroll was killed. John Smith fatally wounded and another man who, the state contends was Sims, was also wounded.

The following day Sims' lifeless body was found in the pasture rendezvous.

A sensation was caused in the first day of the trial when Walter Carroll, a brother of the dead man, took the stand and pointed out Ray L. Breda, local automobile dealer, one of the defendants, as the man he had seen astride the prostate figure of Joe Carroll firing bullets into his body during the melee. Walter Carroll, he said, lives next door to his brother's home.

Throughout the trial, which began Thursday afternoon, tremendous interest has been manifested, both on the part of numerous friends of the defendants, all of whom are prominent business and professional men of Carter county, and local authorities, who have been ordered by Governor Robertson to take no part in the prosecution of the cases.

The district courtroom in which Clara Smith Hanson was tried for murder, which is being used for the examining trial, has been filled to capacity at each session of the hearing.

BAYS IN TWO RAIDS

County Investigator Interrupts Game in Sand Springs and Also Visits Cold Drink Stand on West First.

In a raid on the Farmer's cafe in Sand Springs Saturday afternoon, County Investigator F. J. Bays arrested 12 men and interrupted a big gambling game or games in the basement. The cafe is operated by Clarence Smith. Bays said that as he and his men entered the place cards and dice were thrown into various receptacles. The 12 men arrested were held before Justice J. T. Thompson. Several tables in the cafe basement were destroyed by Bays, who said that they were being used as "crap" tables and for various other gambling games. This is the third time that Bays and his deputies have raided the place.

Bays and his men also raided the lunch and cold drink stand and combination barber shop at Maybelle and First, which is operated by Ott Ballard and E. Smith. This place has also been raided previously. Smith's residence, next door to the stand was also searched. Here the officers claim they found various

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WOUNDED YANKS TO HAVE SANTA

Red Cross Planning for Big Celebrations in All Hospitals

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON.

I. N. S. Staff Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—From Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate, the American Red Cross today was preparing to spread Christmas cheer among 25,000 wounded veterans of the world war.

America's "angel of mercy" will play Santa Claus to the youths in many hospitals spread across the country from coast to coast. She will carry in her Christmas bags a series of entertainments, gift packages, Christmas trees and "big cases" for soldiers stricken on the field of duty. But above even this, she will carry Christmas cheer and companionship.

The Red Cross has been planning these celebrations a month. Some will be staged in big government public hospitals where upward of thousands of soldiers must spend Christmas day in bed. Others will be carried into almost forgotten hamlets where stricken heroes total less than a score.

The Red Cross headquarters in Tulsa has arranged for "big doing" among the Yanks who are still "over there."

None of the 13,000 Yanks in the

67 public service hospitals, the 4,000 in army and navy institutions and the 10,000 in contract hospitals will be forgotten. For each too, there will be the gifts "from home." The Red Cross is helping to see that these packages are delivered on time.

DINNER FOR NEWSIES

Hotel Tulsa, Kiwanis Club and Miss Roselle Flanagan to Give Spread Monday for Newsboys.

Newsboys will be guests at an elaborate Christmas dinner which is to be given in the Hotel Tulsa Monday noon. Miss Roselle Flanagan, the hotel management has sponsored the dinner for several years. It has come to be an annual event.

The newsies are to meet at 11:15 Monday morning at The World of Ice where a group of messenger

boys will also join. The boys will march to the hotel. An attractive program has been arranged. Judge Albert C. Hunt, president of the Kiwanis club, will preside at the dinner. The Tulsa Jazz Pirates, lauded as one of the best orchestras in the state, will furnish music and several short talks are on the program, among them one by Foster N. Burns and one by Frank H. Reed.

"Toto," world renowned clown, will furnish plenty of fun. He is wearing this week's bill at the Orpheum. "Toto" is noted for his funny stunts and he fills a star role at the newsies' dinner.

Improved With Age.
The little daughter of a congressman was sitting one evening on her father's knee. She had a new little brother whom she regarded with wonder, as children do regard the latest usurper before they have learned to love him.
"Today," said the father, "a man offered to give me a whole roomful of gold for little brother. Shall I sell him?"
The child shook her head.
"But," said the father, "think how many nice things a roomful of gold would buy! Don't you think I better let the man have him?"
"No," answered the girl, thoughtfully, "let's keep him till he's older; he'll be worth more then."

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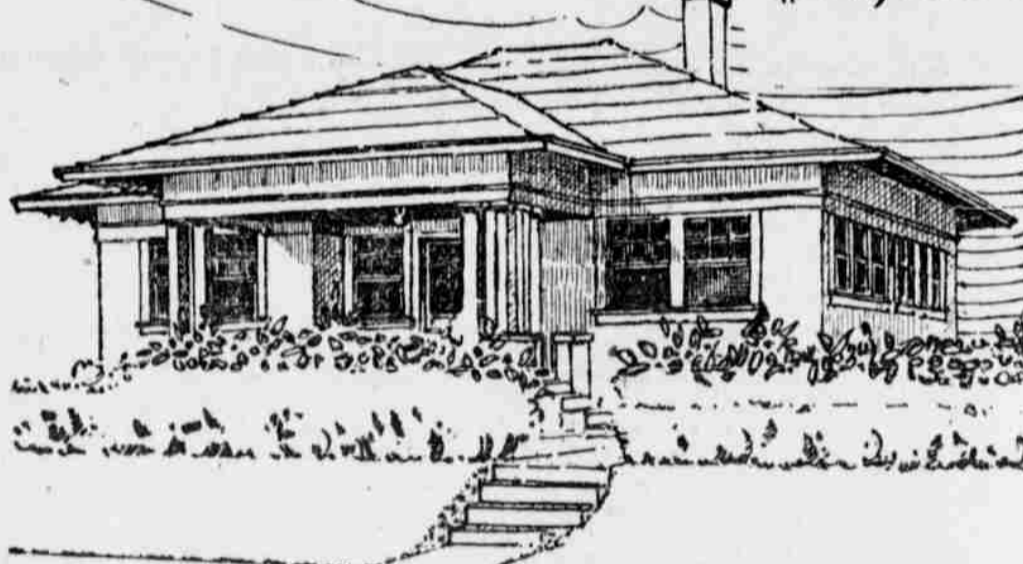
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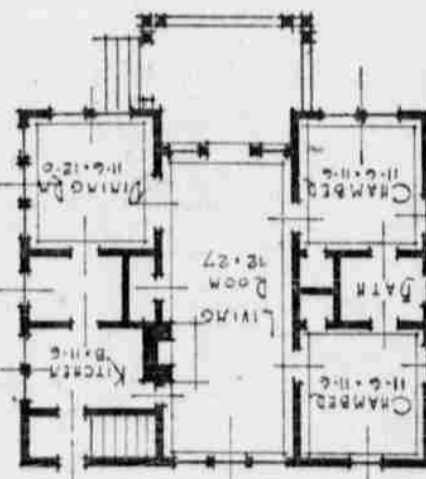
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